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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Planning, Programming and Budgeting

SUBJECT: FY 1974 Congressional Budget Mark

Chuck,

I have reviewed the data which [] provided us this morning regarding the distribution of the Agency Dollar Budget Reduction for FY 1974. Frankly, I am troubled. First, by the rationale behind requiring S&T ostensibly to absorb nearly one half of the Agency reduction. Second, I feel that the proposal to proceed with [] and then not program FY74 monies in our budget, depending instead on a reserve release, is not a forthright way of proceeding with our commitments and may well be considered by OMB as dishonest. Moreover, this approach would not be consistent with a contractual commitment to our contractor which presumes an intention by the government to proceed with FY74 funding. I am concerned that we make such a commitment with "tongue in cheek" if we do not include the funds in our FY74 budget.

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[Signature]
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